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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### CHINESE MINISTER'S HOLIDAY OVER.

Nanjing, December 26.  
The Chinese Minister to Britain has returned to London.

### SIBERIA AND FURS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.  
The State Department has been asked by American fur importers to urge the Japanese government and General Semenov to permit purchased furs to leave Siberia instead of confiscating them for alleged military purposes and reselling them to the Japanese.

### CHINESE DEMAND FOR SILVER.

LONDON, December 29.  
Montagu's report says the silver market is fairly well supplied, and there is still a good enquiry from Shanghai and Hongkong, notwithstanding that the demand for China continues to be fed by silver dollars from America.

### HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 24.  
M. Clemenceau in the Chamber of Deputies made an important statement on his recent visit to London. He said that Lloyd George told him that Great Britain and France must stand more closely united than ever because the Franco-British understanding was making war impossible in Europe.

Poland's rights in Galicia and Czechoslovakia have been recognized, and the policy to be followed in Turkey has been defined. Referring to Russia, M. Clemenceau said no peace and no negotiations were possible with the Soviet Government, which has no mandate from the Russian people. The Soviet government is the most atrocious and barbarous that ever devastated territory in the world's history.

Referring to peace with Germany, parliament must see it carried out step by step. Barbed wire has been placed round Bolshevik Russia, but Germany must be prevented from crossing it by Poland being on guard.

In the Yugo-Slav question he said the Italian premier was making an effort to come to an understanding with the Serbians. This difficulty must be settled for Europe to breathe more freely.

M. Clemenceau ended his speech by stating that the government has only 3 more weeks of life. As soon as the elections were completed he would place his definite resignation.

### DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

#### LABOUR MINISTRY EXPERIMENT.

The Minister of Labour announces that, having in view the large unsatisfied demand for domestic servants, he has decided, subject to certain conditions, to arrange, as an experimental period of one year, for a measure of co-operation between private registry offices for domestic servants and the employment exchanges. For the present the scheme does not apply to Ireland. Registry offices desirous of being considered in connection with this scheme are invited to make application to the local employment committee of the Ministry of Labour, the address of which can be obtained from the nearest post office. The Minister has during the last year received a large number of communications on this subject. He wishes to take this opportunity to thank the writers of these letters for their offers and suggestions, and to recommend the present scheme of co-operation to their consideration.

Co-operation between exchanges and registries will be limited to securing suitable employment in the United Kingdom for persons appearing from time to time on the live registers of exchanges. The selection and approval of agencies for this purpose will be undertaken by the local employment committees, and juvenile employment committees, who will in this connection make any necessary inquiries. Approved registries will notify exchanges of the particulars of vacancies received by them, for which it is desired that the exchanges should submit applicants. These particulars will not, except in certain circumstances, include the name or address of the employer. Employment exchanges having applicants on their live registers who appear suitable for the vacancies notified, will refer such applicants as may desire to apply for these vacancies to the registries by means of an introduction card.

Approved registries should be prepared to notify exchanges:

(a) Whether applicants so referred have, in fact, attended the registries.

(b) Whether the applicants have been submitted by the registries for specific vacancies.

(c) The result of any submission that may have been made by the registries.

(d) The name and address of an employer, and, where necessary, fuller particulars of the vacancies: (i) In cases in which an applicant is in receipt of out-of-work donation has refused to accept a vacancy; (ii) in cases in which the vacancy is for a girl under 18 years of age, when it will be necessary for the purpose of the after-supervision exercised by juvenile employment committees that the name and address of the employer should be furnished.

### SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

#### OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES.

The work of identifying the solitary, and in many cases unmarked, graves of the British soldiers who fell in action in France and Flanders, and of concentrating these graves in cemeteries near the several battlefields, has now proceeded so far that the General Officer Commanding and the Director of Graves Registration in France hope to bring it to an end in March next. From the first the work has been attended by extraordinary difficulties, due to the nature of the battle-scarred ground, the long searches necessary in shell-holes, and the limitation of motor ambulances convoys. Many of the shell-holes, especially those on the Somme and at Passchendaele, were so full of water that pumping had to be resorted to, and weeks elapsed before the bodies buried in them could be recovered. In spite of this, however, 22,000 graves had been concentrated by the beginning of June last, and this number has steadily increased till it now stands at 128,000. The exhumations and concentrations during the past months have averaged 8,000 per week, and it is worthy of record that many of the bodies recovered from unmarked graves and shell-holes have been those of men who had been reported as missing.

Already 100 cemeteries have been handed over to the Imperial War Graves Commission, which undertakes the responsibility of maintenance and such permanent constructional work as may be deemed necessary. In due course the remaining cemeteries—probably 1,500 in number—will be similarly dealt with, and thus there will be completed by the spring of next year a work which is being carried through by both officers and men in a spirit worthy of the heroic and honoured dead.

### FORTHCOMING

#### WEDDINGS.

The following weddings are announced to take place shortly:—Mr. C. W. Murray, Merchant, of the Hongkong Hotel, to Miss Helen McLeod Brothwick, en route from Yokohama; and Mr. W. E. Holland, Land Bailiff, of No. 2, Park Road, West Point, to Miss Louise ("Dolly") Wynne, of No. 4, Malloy Street, Wanchai.

In no circumstances must a fee be charged by an approved registry to any applicant for domestic employment. Approved registries must also be prepared to keep a register of the particulars of applicants referred to them and details of the posts for which they have been submitted, and these registries should be open to the inspection of the local employment committee or juvenile employment committee.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### MANDATES FOR TERRITORIES.

PARIS, December 24th.  
The Supreme Council, with M. Cambon as president, considered the suggestions prepared by the Commission which recently sat in London regarding the mandates for the old German Colonies. The first two, which concerned the East African territories—which have been ceded partly to Great Britain and partly to Belgium—were approved. These territories will be administered in accordance with the terms of Article XXII of the League of Nations Covenant which makes the Mandatory responsible for the administration. Other projects concerning territories in the Pacific and Africa, which will be administered as integral portions of the Mandatory's territory—with administrative similar to that of the Mandatory nation—were approved by three delegations, only the Japanese reserving approbation.

LONDON, December 24th.  
With reference to the British mandate for the Pacific Islands, Baron Matsui objected that if the Australian regime were introduced into the islands, Japanese immigration would be barred as it was in Australia. Japan's position will thus be worse than before the war when, by agreements with Germany, she had full freedom of immigration into various German possessions. He added that such a state of things would be paradoxical after Japan's naval effort, which, especially at the outset of the war, assured the policing of the Pacific.

### THE EX-KAISER.

THE HAGUE, December 24th.  
It is semi-officially denied that the Dutch Government has announced that it will not consent to surrender the ex-Kaiser.

### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 24th.  
It is understood that the British representatives who are going to the Peace Conference at Paris in January are Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, and Lord Curzon. Mr. Philip Kerr and Mr. J. T. Davies, O.B., accompany Mr. Lloyd George as his secretaries.

### SITUATION IN CAIRO.

CAIRO, December 24th.  
The situation is improving and demonstrations are ceasing. The Press Bureau has warned newspapers against the publication of matter prejudicial to public security.

LONDON, December 25th.  
Telegrams from Cairo report a number of attempts to hold demonstrations in the native quarters. The police and military, however, are effectively dealing therewith.

The native lawyers have declared a week's strike as a protest against the arrival of Lord Milner's Mission, which has already begun its work.

### INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

LONDON, December 25th.  
Reuter's learns concerning the action near Mandannakach, mentioned on December 22nd, that the column attacked, on December 21st, and occupied an important hill unopposed. The Mahsuds later attacked in strength, overwhelming a picket. The position was re-occupied on December 22nd without opposition. Fifty Mahsud corpses were found. Moreover, the Mahsuds were observed burying corpses and removing the dead the whole day. Our casualties on December 21st were fifty-eight killed and missing, including two British officers missing and twenty-two wounded, including eight British officers. There were no British casualties on December 22nd.

LONDON, December 24th.  
The Times' telegram from India reports that the British column, which met with a reverse on December 19th, failed to dislodge a force of Mahsuds and Waziris near Jandol, and suffered two hundred casualties, including thirteen officers killed and missing. The attack was resumed on December 20th and all objectives were gained.

### HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 24th.  
A Havas message says:—The housing crisis is at present the chief matter under discussion by the Paris Municipal Council. The formation of a Housing Office, which will work with the Labour Ministry, is under consideration.

A very efficacious way is to complete the proposed eleven groups of cheap houses, containing 2,000 small flats. The French Government is elaborating various financial proposals to face a huge budget of 68 milliards of francs. The nation will have a serious effort to make for meeting the huge debt by the strictest economy.

The new taxes now under discussion include a great consolidation loan which is to take up 170 milliards of francs. A floating debt is to be issued. M. Clemenceau is said to have in mind the complete remodelling of the French system of taxation.

The French Government will shortly bring before Parliament a Bill to amend the Act of 1899.

The new Bill provides that Senators elected at the approaching elections, on January 11th, will be empowered to sit in the High Court of Justice for the trial of M. Caillaux.

### THE BALTIC STATES.

LONDON, December 24th.  
The Bolsheviks have asked the Polish Government to open immediate peace negotiations.

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Special Tables d'Hôte Menus will be provided in the GRILL ROOM at \$3.50 per head, and in the MAIN DINING ROOM at \$2.50 per head.

Patrons are advised to book early as accommodation is limited. All tables previously engaged and not cancelled by mid-day on the day to which such reservation applies will be charged for, whether occupied or not.

Reservations may be made at the HOTEL MAIN OFFICE.

J. H. TAGGART,  
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A DALL will be held on the Evening of the 1st of January, 1921, commencing at 9.15 p.m.

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Diners will not be served at the Repulse Bay Hotel on the opening night.

J. H. TAGGART,  
Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1920.

## NOTICE

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

IN Order to enable the Contractors to complete the work in connection with the above Hotel at the earliest possible date without interruption, and in order to avoid all possibility of damage to the Flooring, Tiles, Paint Work, etc. The public are requested to kindly abstain from visiting the Hotel as on and from this date until its completion and formal opening on which due Notice will be given by advertisement in the local newspapers.

For Management of the Hotel feel sure that they may rely upon the ready co-operation of the public in the foregoing regard.

Dated: this Sixth day of November, 1920.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st January to WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1921 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Lange, a son.  
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### DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG.—On December 22, at Shanghai, Mary, the beloved wife of William Armstrong, aged 59 years.  
NEGRO.—At Marseilles, Alfred Negro, croix de guerre, aged 30. Deeply regretted. Chinese Consul at Marseilles and Managing Partner of the firm L. Negro of Marseilles. Brother of Mr. R. Negro of Hongkong. (By cable.)

### The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, MONDAY, Dec. 23, 1919.

### ADVERSARIA.

The public of Hongkong must be very unimpressed. We were favoured by Reuter on Saturday with a forecast big with horror, and we haven't noticed any visible depression or overt alarm on the Christmas fairs. Food is being consumed as usual, and our people are as gay and cheerful as if the prospect were rosy, instead of being just about as bad as it possibly could be. There is to be a Chinese armed invasion of Europe.

It comes from the Geneva correspondent of the *Daily Express*. Geneva is where the Swiss watches come from, and the *Daily Express* is a London newspaper that is sold for one half penny, and is worth that. Reuter you know. The Geneva correspondent got the news direct from an "intimate friend of Trotsky." Trotsky is one of the Russian Bolsheviks, and a thorough scoundrel. We make this statement on hearsay. His "friend" may have been intimate, but he cannot have been loyal, for he has given away the scoundrel's daily plans for next Spring. These plans involve the armed invasion of Europe by Chinese whom he is training "at the rate of 8,000 a month."

Assuming that "next A LITTLE Spring" means the "next month of May, for example, further would make it next Summer, and assuming that he has been at it for three months already, we get seven or eight times 8,000 trained Chinese invaders. Let us say 80,000 to be on the safe side. Can we doubt that an invasion of Europe by 80,000 armed Chinese, bolshewistically trained, would be worse than the Huns ancient or modern? Unless something be done about it at once, Reuter's warning will have been wasted, and all the trouble of the Geneva gentleman taken for nothing.

Our Chinese telegrams never mention "IN CHINA." Our Chinese friends haven't heard of it. Yet the same Reuter message tells us (on the same authority) that Bolshevism is "spreading widely in China." There appears to be some confirmation of this in several alarmist "leaders" in recent numbers of the *Shanghai Daily News*, the editor of which journal would not willingly chill our blood for nothing. The "yellow invasion of Europe" cannot leave Hongkong, Shanghai, and the treaty ports undisturbed. It is not death or mutilation for ourselves we fear; but we have dear ones at Home for whom we are anxious. Let us all prepare to go Home to defend them, instead of gazing here as if there were no danger. Let us also warn America, for there can be little doubt that after Trotsky and his "yellow" hordes have conquered Europe, they will turn their attention to that stronghold of law and order. It is with something like nervousness that we await Reuter's further revelations.

IF JESUS—reading a Christmas sermon by Henry Ward Beecher, who therein referred to Jesus as a Radical, and took pains to explain why he did so, evidently having in mind the intolerance of the thoughtless. There are people who "worship" Jesus who do not respect Him as a teacher. Respect for teaching is shown best by taking it seriously. It occurs to us that the *China Mail* is more Christian than some of the people who disapprove of it. We side with the poor against the rich. We are not respecters of persons, and regard all sinners and "Gentiles" as human people entitled to help. We speak scornfully of the Scribes and Pharisees. We preach love and denounce war. We denounce hypocrisy. In short, we follow Him, and our attitude to things in general was His attitude. Isn't it odd that this does not seem to be recognized in some quarters? Perhaps they overlook the practical side of His teaching through dwelling unduly on the mystical.

Another Reuter Antarctic wire today tells us of an aerial expedition "to develop the Antarctic regions commercially." If Captain Cope, who proposes to fly over the great ice barrier, did really say that, he wants a straw waistcoat more than an aeroplane. Previous explorers had a justifiable scientific curiosity, and their adventures and sufferings bought us sufficient knowledge of meteorological conditions at the bottom of our globe to convince us that it is no place for alms. As for commercial development, it is as likely as commerce with Mars or trade with the moon.

It does not prove ATROCITIES, that the Bolsheviks are not atrocious, the discovery that other Russians commit atrocious. With regard to the exaggerated and sometimes palpably invented propaganda about Bolshevik atrocities, we have always taken the line that it is Russianism, and not Bolshevism, which permits cruelty. To a Russian, barbarity is less shocking than to us. But it is decidedly unpleasant to learn that the Japanese and other Allies are looking on at atrocities committed by the Russian gang whose politics square most nearly with some of ours. According to General Rudolph Gaida, the Czechoslovak leader who passed through Hongkong yesterday, "execution of prisoners by the authorities of the Koltchak Government are being carried on in Vladivostok to-day, under the very eyes of the Allied Commands." We hope the gentleman lied there.

A Chinese young-AN INGENIOUS ter has been observed CHINESE BOY, ed trying out a new means of travel which certainly shows some ingenuity if it has not met with the success he desires. He is the owner of a small scooter and a chow dog. Apparently tired of the method of foot propulsion he harnessed the dog to his machine, and endeavoured to get his pet to run in a straight course. The idea was splendid but he made no allowance for the affection the dog had for him. Instead of running straight along it persisted in turning around to make demonstrations of affection. The budding Edison consequently had to dismount very frequently and his rate of progress was slow. When he has succeeded in teaching the dog the idea, he will have a good and cheap conveyance.

"Play up Scotties, play up Scotties." There was quite a roar to this effect from one line at the international match, England v. Scotland. An honest Jack Tar, who must have read in the *China Mail* of the incident at St. Andrew's Ball, thought this too monotonous. Cupping his hands, he capped all with the yell, "Play up, Europeans." At the same match, a late arriving lady who had been promised a good seat on the grandstand saw only left the reserved space for the gubernatorial party. She was saying something about the seat and the Gov.—One of her friends interrupted her, and called her attention to the fact that His Excellency was within hearing distance. A very pink lady retreated to a back seat.

The Dean of THE CHURCH AND MANCHESTER SPIRITUALISM. took part in the Church Congress discussion of "spiritualism." "It is betraying no secret," he said, "when I say that Sir Oliver Lodge has admitted with regard to the Raymond communications that as early as June, 1917, the stress and desire to communicate had subsided." The reason for this will readily occur to the sceptic. The "medium" has only a limited inventive capacity, and "dries up," as the stage folk say. The non-committal things that can mean almost anything are soon exhausted. So are the scraps of "convincing" information: they take care to acquire and use. Beyond that the "medium" runs the risk of disillusioning the most credulous dupe. In the case of Raymond Lodge, the medium went the absolute limit, by describing how the spirits crave for, make, and smoke spiritual cigars, and wear clothes of a spiritual "material," all of which was solemnly printed by Sir Oliver Lodge in the book called "Raymond."

### DEATH OF MR. R. NEGRO'S BROTHER.

Our obituary notices record the untimely death of Mr. Alfred Negro, at the age of 30, the news of which has just been cabled to his brother here in Hongkong. Mr. Alfred Negro was at the front for over three years with the French Colonial Army. He was wounded twice and decorated with the croix de guerre. Having contracted partial paralysis in the trenches he was convalescing at Marseilles where he was awaiting his demobilization. He was Consul there for China, and managing partner of the Marseilles firm of L. Negro. There he fell a victim to the Spanish fever after only a few days' illness. The departed enjoyed great popularity amongst all who came in touch with him. He was a good all-round sportsman, a splendid cavalier, and besides holding several medals and cups for sprinting and field shooting, he was at one time Amateur Champion for Cycling and Captain of the Rugby team of New Caledonia.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 11d.

The s.s. "Penashin Maru," is due in port to-day with the Bombay mails.

A mail from Japan arrived by the s.s. "Kawachi Maru," yesterday.

During the five days December 24-28 we had one case of diphtheria and one of smallpox.

A man met a sad end yesterday when he was run over by a train at Shatin and killed.

The United States, Canada and Shanghai mails are due to-day by the s.s. "Montague."

The body of a Chinese male has been sent to the Mortuary. He died as the result of a fall.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C.M.G. who has been indisposed for some time is now out of hospital.

The annual show of flowers and vegetables of the Horticultural Society takes place on March 4 and 5.

We are asked to state that the Royal Naval Quadrille Club will hold their Tuesday dance as usual this week.

A merchant of a firm at No. 6, Connaught Road West reports that on the 24th, an assistant in charge of a branch office, absconded with \$10,000.

Among the arrivals on the M.M.s. "Andre Lebon" on Sunday was Mr. G. Otten who is to take charge of the local branch of the J.C.J.L.

A Chinese woman has suffered the loss of \$1,330, which was the value of money and jewellery stolen by a burglar who entered her house on the 24th.

Axel Alfred Andersen aged 22, a native of Finland, and residing at the Seamen's Institute, has committed suicide by hanging himself with a strap in his quarters.

Mr. G. N. Manley of Messrs. Brunner Mond & Co. left on Saturday by the s.s. "Yingchow" for Nanking where he takes charge of the firm's interests there. Mrs. Manley accompanies him.

Mrs. Woods and the Misses Woods left yesterday for Swatow and will be absent for a week. They will resume tuition here on January 4 and communications may be sent to the Hongkong Hotel.

A Chinese at 9 p.m., on the 26th inst., went to the Stag Hotel with two of his friends. While he was lying down and smoking opium, he was laid hold of by the "friends" who attempted to rob him. He raised an alarm, and one of them was arrested.

The master of a trading junk reports that on the 25th while the junk was sailing from An Tau, it met a storm and capsized. He clung on to the boat which after drifting for some distance met a passing junk, and he was rescued. His *lohis* were drowned, and the cargo on board valued at \$500 was lost.

Capt. Evans, one of the best-known and most popular skippers on the China Coast, completed his last trip in command of the s.s. "Haihong" yesterday. He is now retiring after 25 years' service with the Douglas Steamship Co., during the whole of which long period he has never met with an accident—a record of which he may well be proud.

While leaving the "Ecuador" yesterday Mrs. Claire King, an American passenger fell overboard. Mr. W. D. Kadri, who was standing near at once plunged in and managed to keep the lady afloat until launches came to their assistance. The "Ecuador" brought a large number of passengers, one party being directed by Mr. Raymond White and another organised by the American Express Company. The vessel is now at Taikoo Docks.

Commander J. F. Finlayson, Royal Navy, who has just assumed command of the Naval Sub-Depot at Swatow, was second in command of the county cruiser *Kent* recently paid off—and it is very much feared to be sold out of the service—at Hongkong. A Service correspondent says, "Commander Finlayson was appointed to the *Kent* in May of last year, on her recommissioning for what in all probability will be her last commission."

A telegram has been received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner for the Malay States to the effect that the recommendations of the Public Service Salaries Commissions have, with certain modifications, been generally approved. Practically all salaries over \$1,000 per mensem are fixed at rates lower than those recommended by the Commissions. The scheme for free passages is limited to a period of five years.

### SPECIAL CABLES.

#### CHINESE AERIAL SERVICE.

POSTAL AND COMMERCIAL FLYING PLANNED.

#### [CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28. Colonel Smallwood, who is now engaged in delivering Handley-Page aeroplanes to the Chinese Government, has arrived at Shanghai to select a landing field for aerial mail routes. Plans are progressing for passenger and postal air lines to Peking, Hongkong, and other cities. An extensive commercial service is being planned.

#### FOR PEACE IN CHINA.

#### [CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28. It is believed that the Chinese peace conference will be resumed during the early part of the new year. General Lu Yung-ting has decided to join hands with Tang Shao-yi for the sake of immediate peace. A deputy has been despatched to Shanghai to open negotiations. Peking is striving hard for peace.

### INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

#### WHAT WEE HAMISH HEARD.

III.

Ma dear Christina,

Wae's me. A didna get dancin' fur France as A expected, fur Hamish had been eatin some muck—pink an' blue sweets an' oranges A think—an' he was roarin' a' the night wi' a pain under his pinny, an' Jeanie was awfu' bad wi' a cold. Just fancy, ha'ein' a cold in the Tropics, wi' the sun shinin' an' the place lookin' like Dunoon the week afore the Fair. That's the sort o' weather we're ha'ein' the noo. A canna imagine that we're no in the Simmertime, whiles we're only as week af Hogmanay. Well noo, A'm just feelin' what A wis saying. The dance fur France came aff, an' maist o' they Taipan folk were there, an' they enjoyed themselves, but, ye ken, Kirstie, A'm shair it wassa real clessey, fur A wassa there, an' Wullie an' his cronies A'm shair, were missed sairly. Nane o' them wad gang wioot me. Noo, isn't that grand? It is how some o' the Colony folk ha'e guid'sense, an' that the rest are mair or less o' the monkey-parrot type. A wumman ca'd Gossip in the *China Mail*, blethered about it last Saturday, so A'm sendin' ye the paper, ta read if ye want, but pon ma word, its raither stale, con-seederin' that the paper its in is the *Mail*. Some braw lassies garred me gie them siller fur a Pansy, an' on Saturday, they had dancin' an' eatin an' drinkin' an' everybody spent a nightly lot o' money. Ma word, but they puir French buddies oucht ta be real pleased wi' themselves, an' A'm shair they'll think weel o' this Colony.

Hamish is gettin' a big laddie noo, an' A'm real glad ta say he's gotten a braw heid on him. But just imagine ma feelin's (mind ye, A'm a respected member o' the Kirk here, an' gaun ta a' the mither's meetings an' a'—specially they meetin's which are no over religious) theither afternoo as A wis comin' into the dining room (ye canna get a real auld-fashioned kitchen here) Hammie comes up ta me: "Mither, father's out on the verandah wi' the Captain, an' he wis sayin somethin' about Mrs. MacNigger being horribly compridored, but he didna ken wha wi. An' then he saw me an' chased me out. What did he mean, Mither. A' just said, Laddie, bidde till ye're a bittie aulder afore ye gang flinkin' wi' big words. Losh, Kirstie, ye should ha'e seen ma face, fur ye ken, A'd met MacNigger at a Mithers meeting, an' A thoct she wis an' unco guid wumman, an' mair no' that A wad her ta' ta' the New Year. Ma word, Wullie'll be michy carefu' what he says in front o' Hammie in the future.

Jean is real pleased wi' the doll's class, an' Hammie is quate over his buik, an' they baith thank ye, an' send their love. An' while A'm about it, many thanks for the socks fur Wullie an' the flaggis. We've plenty o' Johnnie here, so dinna fash' yerse' aboot sendin' ony Whusky oot here. Its awfu' queer ye ken. The folk oot here gang in fur Christmas, mair no' the New Year, an' ye' they tell me that the Scots have a majority in the place. Its an' awfu' Sassenach habit, when they oucht ta ken that the New Year is the time fur real Scots ta' get happy. The best folk keep baith, an' aff coorse Maggie Mackay is yin o' the best, altho Wullie isn't muckle ta' talk aboot seein' his father kept a dirty wee all-licence doon' Gorbals way.

We're a' bidin' hame the day, Hammie and Jean are ha'ein' a' flin' time wi' their noo toys an' Wullie is stit' in his chair smokin coogars that was sent him as a present, an' admirin' hissel in his new slippers that A gie'd him, an' we're a' happy an' hope ye are the same.

We a' jine in sendin' ye guid wishes fur Christmas, an' the New Year.

Ye're freeen,  
MAGGIE MACKAY.

### THE WEEK'S CHAT.

In the ordinary way I should talk about nothing but Xmas at the end of Xmas week, but nobody could suppose that an ordinary mortal would be fit to write Xmas chat after a week starting with a Mask Ball and ending with Boxing Day, and so I am taking time by the forelock and writing, in the middle of the tempestuous circle, and will write about Xmas celebrations on Monday when the Sabbath has restored my mental equilibrium and everything has settled into a harmonious memory. By that time too, the news from revellers at various seats of action will have drifted in, and I can gossip about Mrs. Brown's progressive dinner and Mrs. Jones' fancy dress one and all the other Xmas celebrations. In the meantime compliments of the season to all and congratulations to everyone who has managed to survive the rigours of a long year and to keep the good resolutions of this time last year.

My sympathy and congratulations go out particularly to the editor of this paper on having emerged triumphantly through a time of trial and persecution. His recent experiences in the trial for "Contempt of Court" have been particularly interesting to writers who believe in the freedom of the Press and who are convinced that the greatest protection the public have, against injustice and abuse, is afforded by a frank and fearless outspokenness upon the part of this mouthpiece of the Press. The fine imposed looked to the outsider more like a sop to judicial dignity than a punishment for a grave offence, and had the effect of bringing a number of waverers on the side of the *China Mail*.

I heard a very amusing story about a late husband and an intuitive wife the other day. At this season of the year, it is sometimes difficult to remember the limitations of the Peak Tramway, and too many Xmas greetings in liquid form, can easily result in the eight o'clock car departing just as one turns the corner of Battery Path. This misfortune befell a husband the other day. I believe he telephoned and told his wife he would have a snack in town and come up immediately afterwards, the snack took a very long time and I am not quite sure that he did not miss the last car and have to take a chair. He was very conciliatory when he reached home and after a few words of wisely warning meekly accepted, he said, "Well, good night dear." "Good night," said his cheery partner, "but, of course, I don't believe a word you have told me." I know another wife, who under similar circumstances, pretended to believe the tale, and then, with the illogicality credited to women, got annoyed at the easy credulity of her husband and said, "I don't mind, a lie or two, if it pleases you, but please do me the credit, to realize that I don't believe you, even when I pretend to." I think if we could only all of us learn to develop our tolerance and sympathy with each other's faults, we could be saved quite a lot of pretending and needless worry and there could no longer be any need for the great game of bluff and counter bluff to which we devote such endless energy in trying to gain the skill to curtail each other.

I could say a deal more on this subject; perhaps I shall rehash it some day, but not at Xmas time. Xmas and philosophy do not go together. Everything is so beautifully peaceful this year, the bug bear of war and danger has for the moment departed. Many of our dear brave men have come back to us safe and sound and, though we grieve for those less fortunate, who have died in the course of the struggle, our greatest tribute to them must be the devotion to those they have left behind them and to honour those men who have returned and who but for the grace of God, might also be in the ranks of the departed.

In this connection I hope the idea put forth in correspondence in the *Daily Press* to start a branch of comrades of the Great War will be carried out. No one denies that here in Hongkong, the people have done less than any where else to honour returned soldiers, and an organization like "Comrades of The Great War" is a bond and protection to men who have participated in the great struggle and constitutes a sort of free masonry for them wherever they go.

The Prince of Wales, in his speech at the Guild Hall, said "He wanted all ex-service men in every part of the world to remember him as an old comrade in arms and look upon him in the future as a Comrade in Spirit."

That that spirit exists between all men who have gone through it; one sees it when they meet. The quick sympathy, the bond of common experience, that draws them together. It may sound absurd and exaggerated to outsiders, but those in the inner circle

### WHOOPIING COUGH.

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### K. C. C. TENNIS COMPETITION.

On Friday, December 20, a pleasant afternoon's Tennis Competition for spoons was held at the Rowland Cricket Club. There was a large attendance of members and their wives and fortunately the weather was ideal. Two mixed teams of six pairs played an American Doubles Tournament and the team captained by Mr. C. W. Jeffries finished winners, after a very close struggle, by 123 games to 108. At the end Mr. J. Ralston on behalf of the Tennis Committee, said that the Club hoped to hold similar pleasant social events once a month during the winter. He then called on Mrs. Brown, wife of the vice-president, to present the prizes won in last year's tennis tournaments. The prize-winners were as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES (prize presented by Mr. J. E. Green) won by Mr. L. Forster.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A" (prize presented by Mr. J. Stalkes) won by Mr. O. Woodman.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B"—1, Mr. Wilson; 2, Mr. McConnell.

MIXED DOUBLES.—1, Mrs. Stark and Mr. Lindsell; 2, Mrs. Jeffries and Mr. Wheeler.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.—1, Messrs. Wheeler and Taylor; 2, Messrs. Lindsell and Bradbury.

WINNING TEAM IN SPOON COMPETITION.—Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries; Mr. and Mrs. Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. Elson; Mrs. Richmond and Mr. Brown; Messrs. Henderson and Brown; Messrs. Ralston and Lenfestey.

Three cheers and a "tiger" were given for Mrs. Brown, and Mr. A. O. Brown thanked the Club on behalf of his wife for the honour of presenting the large array of prizes. He hoped the Committee would get the support of all the members in their work during the winter and in the spring tournaments which would start in March. He thanked so many ladies for coming and said that more suitable accommodation for them would be supplied when the new Club House came into being.

Know that that feeling of comradeship is there, and that in a way to-day the world is divided into those who fought and those who didn't. There is no contempt or pity on the part of those who went, but the greatest proof that one could have of the chasm between is the fact, that in a place like this where the majority of people did not have their immediate family circle broken up by the war, the feeling of the inhabitants has not been strong enough to inspire them to arrange the ordinary welcome of citizens to returning soldiers. A society like "Comrades" will take the place of outside interest.

Sometime ago I said that I thought of bringing out a book of precepts and etiquette for new comers in Hongkong, someone has taken me seriously, and I have been consulted on the question of card leaving. In reply to my correspondent, I should say "No, it is not absolutely necessary to go away without leaving your cards or without attempting to enter the house of your friend if her box is labelled 'in.' As far as I can gather, it is preferable to call when it is labelled 'out' but as a rule you do not incur any great risk in calling on an 'in' day. It is, I believe, usual to put 'out,' if it is a special entertainment on, to which you have not been invited. The procedure as far as I can make out is this.

You arrive in the Colony, a certain number of people call and leave cards, very few of which have addresses on. You do not know your way about so one day you take a chair by the hour and decide to return calls. Of course the chair coolie doesn't understand you and you probably waste a day going to wrong houses. In time, a series of questions reveals the fact that there is a notice board at the tram station, containing the names and numbers of all residents. In future you consult this and give the numbers to your chair coolie. After having left your card on all who have called on you, your part of the business is done. Up to this time the chances are that unless you have brought introductions with you, you do not know any of your callers by sight, and further that unless your husband is in one of the firms that count, that is to say in import, and export (a dignified name for wholesale trade) a bank, or a legal firm of repute, or even an exchange broker you never will meet them. If you have the necessary qualifications, you will be invited to tea or dinner and after that all is plain sailing. Your manners and your antecedents do not matter, your personality need not worry you; for this is a democratic place, and if your husband is clever enough to work his way into a decent position, you will attain any social heights you like, whether you were born in Soho, in Ealing or in Belgavia.

I have heard it suggested and I think the idea excellent, that a row of small boxes rented and labelled by the Peak residents, might be erected near the upper tram station, where all interchange of cards might be effected; the same results would be achieved, as under the present system, and a lot of money would be saved in chair hire.

THE GOSSIP.



## COMPANY MEETING.

## THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co., this morning, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution as an ordinary resolution—

1.—That the conditional agreement entered into by the Directors of the Company in the name and on behalf of the Company with Harrison and Crossfield, Limited, dated the 10th day of December 1919 for the sale of the undertaking property and assets of the Company as existing on the 31st day of December 1918 subject to its liabilities, for the sum of \$828,000 (eight hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars) cash, which has been submitted to this meeting be and the same is hereby ratified and approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorized and directed to carry the same into effect with full power to assent to any modifications in the Agreement which they may think expedient and in the interests of the Company.

And subject to the passing of the above resolution to consider and if thought fit, to pass as an extraordinary resolution the following—

2.—That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest Alfred Mountford Williams of the firm of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews of Chartered Bank Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, be appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up, at such remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrison and Crossfield, Limited, and the Liquidator.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonar presided, and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. A. E. Griffin (Directors), Mr. H. W. B. Kennett (Manager), Mr. D. J. Lewis (Solicitor to the Company) and Messrs. J. Scott Harston (representing Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield, Ltd.), M. S. Northcote, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O. Baptista, L. W. Sang, L. Y. Po, A. E. Crapnell, N. N. Lee and Ip Fook.

After the Manager had read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said: Gentlemen.—The circular letter of December 10 explains clearly the reason for calling this meeting but you will no doubt expect that I should give you some more information regarding the proposed sale of the Company. Before Mr. Darby, the Chairman of the Company, left for England, in April last, he informed the Board that the British North Borneo Co., had some scheme under consideration for the further development of the timber resources in Borneo and that some proposal might be made to your Directors for amalgamation or outright purchase of this Company. The timber resources in Borneo are considerable and to work them to full advantage would require a capital expenditure much larger than the China Borneo Co. could face. The opinion of Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd. (who are interested in this Company to the extent of 11,070 shares) and the British North Borneo Co. (who hold an equal number of shares), is that it will require a capital of from £500,000 to £750,000, eventually, to fully develop the timber lands. I think you will agree with me that it would be next to impossible to raise those figures here. The only way to do it is to organise a London company to work the concession which the British North Borneo Co. are about to grant. It may be said that an agreement could be made for the separate working on friendly terms of both Companies but such would be open to serious objections and in this connection I cannot do better than quote from a letter received from Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., with which views your Directors are in agreement—

(a) The maintenance of separate administrations would be unnecessarily costly.

(b) It would probably prove inconvenient in practice for the seats of administration of two such Companies to be so far apart as Hongkong and London.

(c) In a small place like Borneo, local friction, which would be harmful to both concerns, would be very apt to arise.

(d) Two concerns, however closely allied, cannot exercise the same influence or command the same resources as one large Company.

Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., have therefore come to the conclusion that the only course to adopt in the interests of the shareholders is to formulate a mutually satisfactory proposal for the taking over by the new company of the China Borneo Co., as a going concern. They have therefore made the offer to purchase the whole undertaking as from December 31, 1918, for \$828,000. I may here state that Mr. Darby, who has been connected with our Company for many years as General Manager and now as Chairman, has gone very fully into the question in London and strongly recommends the acceptance of the offer. Your other Directors, now present in the Colony, have given the offer their serious consideration and as stated in the circular have no hesitation in recommending you to accept it. A conditional agreement

## THE PURPLE PIERROTS.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

At the Seamen's Institute on Saturday the Purple Pierrots gave their first performance. It was a great success. Their lengthy programme opened with an overture by a string band. Following that the members of the company appeared in individual and concerted items all of which were received with every sign of appreciation by the large audience. The opening chorus was, very fittingly "Hongkong." During one of the songs cigarettes neatly wrapped in purple paper were thrown out. The second part of the programme consisted of a sketch entitled "M. Fitzw—" which went very well. The parts were admirably taken by Mr. P. A. A. Hillier (Augustus Fitzwilliam), Mr. H. H. Marcus Hayes (John Tomkins, his valet), Miss Jack (Mrs. de Loftus), Miss F. M. Rosser (Gladye, her daughter), and Miss Amy Gordon (Martha Jones, Gladye's maid).

The Purple Pierrots, it should be mentioned are the Misses, Jack, Amy Gordon, F. M. Rosser, V. Creese, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Messrs. Marcus Hayes, Q'Farrel, Green, and P. A. A. Hillier.

A conjuring item was down on the programme but as the magician failed to turn up the Hon. Mr. Severn filled in the blank with a number of stories.

## MOTOR SMASH.

During the week end a Dodge car was rather badly smashed up in the neighbourhood of the Dockyard at Aberdeen. It was being driven by a Chinese with three people of the same nationality sitting in the back seat. While rounding a curve the machine crashed into a wall buckling one of the front wheels and smashing the radiator. The three passengers were flung forward with such violence as to bend the frame of the seats in front.

## CONSTABLE LAVENDER PARDONED.

We learn that Police Constable Lavender, who was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for refusing duty, but subsequently went home for the s.s. "Empress of Russia," received a free pardon from the Government before leaving. No official explanation of this reversal of a magisterial decision is forthcoming, but the *China Mail* has heard unofficial ones.

## POLICE PAY.

We are informed that the members of the Hongkong Police were advised last Tuesday that they would be granted a temporary increase of a further 20 per cent as from the 1st of January pending the decision from home as to the actual increase which, it is stated, will not be less than 40 per cent, perhaps 45 per cent. The tentative 20 per cent, however, will be deducted monthly, from the actual and final increase until repaid.

## DRIFTING MINES IN SOUTH SEAS.

Drifting mines have been discovered in various parts of the eastern ocean and South seas, according to a notice sent out from Australia and received in Manila by the British Consul-General. The information is intended especially for those using the Torres Straits inner barrier and the Coral sea routes.

Cape Flattery, and the Dove Islands in the Torres Strait have both reported floating mines, these seeming to have drifted up from the locality of New Zealand and Bass Straits, all enemy mines in those districts not yet having been recovered.

has been signed which you are now asked to confirm. That agreement has been open for your inspection and some of you have no doubt made yourselves acquainted with the terms. The purchase price works out at \$18.00 per share and it is not anticipated that there will be any great expense in carrying out the liquidation so that shareholders will receive a higher price per share than the shares have ever been quoted at. You will also have the right, should you desire to do so, to subscribe for two shares in the new Company for every share you at present hold, at the cost of £1 per share. The staff of the China Borneo Co. are duly protected and their services are to be retained by the new Company on the terms of their present agreements. I now move the first resolution.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman then proposed the second resolution, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Chairman: I should like to draw your attention to the fact that the second resolution has been confirmed at a second extraordinary meeting to be held on January 13.

That terminated the business of the meeting.

## THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA BILL.

## ENACTMENT TO BE CELEBRATED IN HONGKONG.

We are informed that the civilian and mercantile members of the Indian community of Hongkong will hold a meeting at the offices of Mr. H.M.H. Nemesse, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 1st, to consider how they should celebrate the passing of the Government of India Bill.

## LORD HALSBURY'S MEMORY.

Lord Halsbury, who is 94 years of age, recalled an historic incident of his youth in a speech on October 25 at a luncheon given by the members of the society of the Inner Temple to the Belgian judges and lawyers now on a visit to England. Some 90 years ago, Lord Halsbury said, he was walking with his father on the Downs near Broadstairs and he saw a fleet of vessels, under full sail, sailing up the Channel with a fair wind. He asked what ships they were. His father told him that it was the British Fleet sailing to the Belgian coast to establish the independence of a small nation. The action of the British Fleet almost a century ago was one of the principal factors which led to the drawing up of the Treaty of 1839. He was proud to feel that when the trouble of the Great War came to Belgium the British Fleet again sailed to the Belgian coast with the same object in view—to uphold the independence of smaller States.

## PUBLISHED WITHOUT READING.

There is one author who can claim the unique distinction that his manuscripts are sent straight to the printers, without the publishers or their readers reading them at all. This for two reasons—one, because he is Dr. M. R. James, Provost of Eton College, and an authority on his subject; the other because the publisher's printers can read his difficult calligraphy. The printers are now struggling with his new book, called *A Thin Ghost* and Others, which is a collection of uncanny tales in the style of his very fascinating volume, "Ghost Stories of an Antiquary." When they have succeeded where all typists have up to now failed the book will be published by Edward Arnold.

Mr. B. A. Hale arrived in Hongkong, on the 26 inst., per the s.s. "Chicago Maru," to join the staff of the *Hongkong Daily Press*.

A trial trip of the motor bus service to Repulse Bay Hotel to be run by the Dragon Motor Car Company, will take place to-morrow, leaving the Hongkong Hotel at 2.15 p.m.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending Dec. 13, amounted to 94,089 tons and the sales during the period, to 94,123 tons.

Mr. R. O. Hutchison's court was timed to commence business at 10 a.m. this morning. Up to 10.45 a.m. the magistrate had not put in an appearance, neither had any message been received stating that proceedings would be delayed. One solicitor (Mr. Hall, of Messrs. Lo and Lo) waited from 10 to 10.30 and then left.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By Arrangement with the Waik To Yai Fu.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28

The Minister of Foreign Affairs is urging Wong Hing Nin, the investigator of the Foochow case, to return to Peking in order to open negotiations with the Japanese Minister.

Shum Chuen Hsun in a telegram to Peking describes the making of the constitution by the joint meeting of the old and new Parliaments as illegal. He asks the Peking Government to make an early decision in dealing with the new Parliament and the On Fook Club.

Fung Kwok Ching, the ex-President is slightly better.

Leung Shi Yi arrived at Peking on the 27th inst.

President Chu Sai Cheung personally pinned the Grand Order of Merit to Tan Ki Su's uniform at the Wei Yun Palace yesterday.

Chu Sai Cheung summoned the Premier to the Palace yesterday enquiring about the progress of the peace negotiations.

The American Minister at Peking together with an American admiral had an audience with the President.

General Tin Chung Yick will be the Tuchen of Shantung in place of Cheung Shi Yin who is to be promoted to the Marshal rank.

The Northern peace delegates will return to Shanghai early in January next.

The Sino-Italian Bank will open in March.

The negotiation into the Foochow and Tibetan cases will be deferred pending the arrival of Luk Ching Cheung who is on his way from Europe.

General Cheung Chok Lam introduced a Japanese Baron to see General Chu Shu Tsang for the purpose of forming a cotton and cattle Company with \$2,000,000 capital.

## SHIPPING ARRIVALS.

The following vessels were entered as arriving this morning:

Pakwo, Chinese, 1,177 tons, Canton, Captain Prata, Kwong Hing, mooring B50.

Chiyo Maru, Japanese, 2,100 tons, Moji, Captain Okutani, Dodwell & Co., mooring C34.

Nancy Moller, British, 666 tons, Wuhu, Captain Welkens, Moller & Co., mooring B11.

Chinhua Maru, British, 1,353 tons, Swatow, Captain Speed, B. & S. C40.

Cerf, Chinese, 263 tons, Wuchow, Captain Wong Chun, Shui Hing, wharf.

Wahon, Chinese, 267 tons, Kongsmoon, Captain Hill, Poo Lit, s.s. Co., wharf.

## MAILS DUE.

The following mails are due—

From the Straits, per s.s. "Sangola," December 30.

From the Straits, per s.s. "Keishin Maru," December 31.

Worshipful Brother C. W. Jeffries was installed Master of Lodge Zealand on Saturday evening. Worshipful Brother W. J. Tutchener performing the installation ceremony. A banquet was held later, in the Masonic Hall.

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## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1914, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1920.

Hongkong, December 29, 1919.

## WANTED.

WANTED.—LADY going to England via Suez, about end of March offers Passage in return for help with her children on voyage. Replies Box No. 1171 c/o "China Mail."

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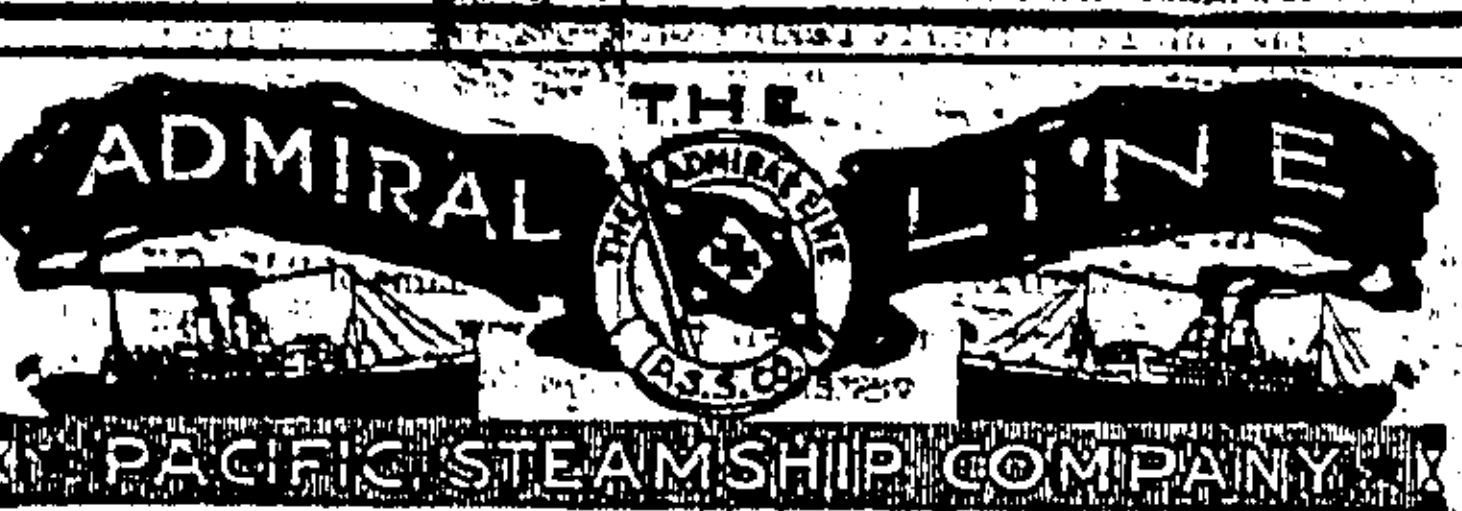
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Dr. C. Reh hard Rutland, the well-known authority on dietetics, expressed himself in thorough agreement with these maxims in conversation with a representative of the Evening Standard.

Recent researches have thrown fresh light upon the therapeutic effects of alcohol, he said. Far from leading to a definite decision as between Prohibitionists and those who approve the use of alcohol as a beverage or stimulant, recent knowledge proves that, as in so many other departments of physiology, there are advantages and disadvantages on both sides. At the present moment the whole world is calling out for some wholesome stimulant which some enable strenuous workers and those who are afflicted with worries in addition to hard work to get the best use out of their physical and mental machinery whilst subsisting upon the foods which, owing to war conditions and subsequent shortage, are apt to be deficient in the natural stimulating properties resident in fresh meat, fresh fruits, fresh milk, and fresh vegetables, but which are absent from preserved, chilled, or sterilised aliments. The total prohibition of alcohol in existing circumstances almost inevitably leads to the use of even more poisonous drugs. The craving for wholesome stimulation is an instinctive and subconscious one which, to a large extent, was met and satisfied in happier times by the extractives in meat and the enzymes and phosphoric constituents of certain fresh foods which are now difficult to obtain.

The moderate use of alcohol, provided that moderation be unqualified, is helpful to the average man, and is particularly justifiable in those past middle life, when the energies are beginning to flag. The practical question is; how can alcohol be used with safety and advantage? The first point is that alcohol is never to be taken on an empty stomach, and only as an adjunct to solid food. It is also of importance that alcoholic beverages should not contain a high percentage of alcohol. Wholesome ale should not contain more than 6 per cent; wine not more than 33 per cent; and so-called spirits not more than 45 per cent, and the last named should be well diluted with water or soda-water. It is obvious that the restriction of drinking hours to the vicinity of meal times is of general advantage, since it does away with a tendency to the most pernicious form of alcoholic consumption, which consists of frequent "sips" in between meals.

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## CHARITY FOOTBALL.

## ENGLAND, 8; SCOTLAND, 1.

There was a large gathering on the Club ground to watch this international match on Saturday afternoon, and the "Devastated France" Fund in aid of which the match was held, profited considerably by it. Several of the service men dressed up as clowns went round the field with collection boxes and managed to collect quite an appreciable sum. The stand, admission to which was \$1 per head, was packed to its fullest capacity.

The teams took the field at 4 o'clock sharp, England entering first in white uniforms, followed by Scotland in the blue uniforms of the Royal Navy. They were greeted by deafening rounds of applause as the players took their respective positions. A few seconds later, Mr. Coaker blew his whistle and His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G., opened the match by kicking off. England immediately got possession and Graydon winged the ball to Taylor on the right and this worthy ran it down the line at a brisk pace followed by the rest of the England forward line. He centred the ball when near the half back line, but before Graydon could get at it, Stewart cleared. This set the Scottish forwards going but Black and Scouler were playing sound game at back and the attack was repulsed without much difficulty. England then showed its combination and worked the ball down the field with a succession of long passes which for a time baffled the Scottish defence. Then Graydon tried Rodger, but the latter was in position and brought about a fine save which was applauded. He was tested on two other occasions and again proved himself a safe custodian by punching away. Then a corner was forced and the kick which was well taken, nearly resulted in a goal for England, but McCubbin headed to Stewart who kicked away. The ball was brought back a few minutes later and after Graydon had juggled with the ball for a while and had succeeded in drawing the defence towards him, he passed to Townsend who speared the opening by shooting wide. But England was playing too well to be stopped, and very soon they were again troubling the Scottish defence. Graydon repeated his tricks and then passed to Townsend who shot the ball well and truly into the net for England's first goal. Scotland fought hard to equalize; they got no fewer than three corners but were unable to score, so well did the defence pack its goal mouth whenever danger threatened. Ralston initiated another attack by the English forwards but Rodger ran out of goal and tipping the ball past the left inside man, pointed it to midfield. Scotland again attacked and managed to get past Black, but Crocker cleared. When the half time came a few minutes later, England led by one goal to nil.

The second moiety opened fast with Scotland assuming the offensive, and they kept it up with such vigour that it appeared certain that they would succeed in scoring an equalizer. After three openings had been wasted by bad shooting, Stewart got the ball and ran it down from the half back line, winging it as he forced centre. This set the terrific pace and soon England was defending its citadel. After beating Black, Clark passed to Stone who curved in towards goal and shot. The ball went wide. England then had another incursion into Scottish territory, where Graydon placed Taylor in possession and after dodging McCubbin, this worthy took a shot which Rodger was just able to kick. Townsend rushed as he kicked the ball and stopped it with his body, but luckily for Scotland it bounded into touch a few inches away from goal. After a spell at midfield, Scotland, spurred up by the frantic yells of their supporters to wake up, dashed down the field in grand style, but Clark stopped the ball with his face. He was stunned for a while. Black cleared. When Scotland next attacked, Rodger got the ball from Stewart, and looked like running through but Black stopped him and thus saved an ugly situation. Soon after this MacPhail tried a long shot. The ball rose as it left his foot and fell into Crocker's hands. Shipped from his grasp the ball fell at Crocker's feet and before he could kick away, Rodger ran in like a streak of lightning and put the ball past him. This caused great excitement among the spectators. There was little to choose between the teams after this, and the exchanges were pretty well even with neither side getting any material advantage until when there were some ten minutes to go. Then England, again, dashed away towards the Scottish goal, and here Graydon was placed in possession. He made a brave attempt to break through but he was too well guarded and was checked by Stalker. Next time he got the ball, Graydon did not wait to be tackled but passed to Townsend who, left with an open goal before him, approached it very slowly with the intention of making the goal certain, but the referee saw he was off-side before he received the ball and blew his whistle, awarding Scotland a free kick. England again attacked and this time Graydon made no mistake when placed in possession and passed to Townsend who after drawing the

defence towards him, returned to Graydon who had an open goal in front of him and scored England's second goal with a high kick which Rodger made a brave attempt to save but somehow he stumbled backwards into the goal before he could handle the ball which went into the net over his head. England's defence was too sound to be penetrated, although when the final whistle came the ball was in English territory. Scotland did not score again and thus England left the field victors by two goals to one.

The teams were as follows—  
England.—W. E. Crocker (Navy); C. Scouler (Staff) and F. W. Black (Capt. Club); H. Toms (Navy), W. Talford (R.G.A.) and M. L. Ralston (Club); A. Morris (R.G.A.), W. Townsend (Staff), A. Graydon (Navy), C. G. Green (R.G.A.) and W. Taylor (Kowloon).  
Scotland.—G. Rodger (Club); J. Stalker (Club) and J. MacPhail (Capt. Club); J. W. R. MacPhail (Club); J. Stewart (Club) and T. R. Chassels (Club); J. E. Hamilton (Club); H. M. MacTavish (Club); J. Clark (Police); J. Rodger (Club) and A. Stone (Navy).  
Referee: Mr. J. Coaker.

## CIVILIANS, 1; SERVICES O.

This match which was also in aid of the "Devastated France" Fund and preceded the International game on the Club ground, was also well attended and resulted in an unexpected win for the Civilians. The Services certainly were a stronger team, but luck was against them, and they were unable to take advantage of the opportunities they had. The match started very even, but it was obvious that the Services were a better balanced combination which had the better of their opponents in every branch of the game except in the matter of speed. This first impression of the teams concerned made one think the Services would secure an easy win, but their good form lasted only for a brief two minutes, after which when the Civilians got into their stride, it became evident to all that they were certainly playing superior football. Although the soldiers were the first to attack they were unable to score, this being due to the cool play of Jackson and V. Xavier at back and Mackenzie in goal. After a brief spell in civilian territory where all their attempts to convert failed, the Services had to fall back to defend their citadel from the vigorous assaults of the civilian forwards. Despite the fact that several good openings were lost, the Civilians stuck to their guns and made things pretty hot for the Services and ultimately, when the match had been some twenty minutes old, Lima, who was running strongly on the left wing put in a smart centre to Wei who transferred to Boysen who was in a good position in front of goal. Stopping the ball, Boysen sent in a hard drive which completely beat the Services' goalie. After this reverse, the soldiers played up with renewed vigour but the Jackson and V. Xavier combination thwarted them. When once the Services' forwards succeeded in getting through owing to Xavier shipping, Mackenzie who was playing a cool game between the sticks, rushed out and punched away. When the half time whistle came, the Civilians led by one goal to nil.

The second half was a little more even, the soldiers showing keen determination to save the match, and for a good ten minutes, it was impossible to prevent them keeping possession of the ball. All the Civilians' defence could do was to tackle and kick the ball away just able to have it immediately returned to the danger zone. Then Jackson, running the ball half way down the field, passed to Lima who centred to Boysen and this worthy combining well with Wei worked the ball down the field and the Civilians in their turn gave the Services' defence a hot time. But despite the fact that two corners were forced, they could not score. The rest of the match was a seesaw. When the final whistle came, no further goal had been scored, and thus the Civilians won by the only goal of the match.

The teams were as follows—  
Civilians.—W. Mackenzie (Club); A. Jackson (Kowloon) and V. Xavier (Recreio); Lau Hon Wing (Chinese); D. H. Blake (United P. Wheeler (Capt. Kowloon); G. May (Club).  
A. Boysen (Club); Wei Chak Sang (Chinese); W. Gerrard (Club) and J. Lima (Recreio).  
United Services.—Glenny (Staff); Goss (Navy); and Barratt (Navy); Harris (Navy); Knight (Staff) and Brown (Wills); Sheriff (Staff); Cobb (Navy) Holdman (Wills); Brant (Navy) and Truss (Navy).

The Dockyard Recreation Club's Annual Dance took place at the City Hall on Friday. Dancing was from 8.30 p.m. until 2 a.m. The orchestra from Wiseman's Cafe played. M.C. duties were done by Messrs. Budden and Lockhart, assisted by Messrs. Spanton, Taylor, A. B. Allan and J. Deane, Secretary. About 300 attended, including Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Gurner, Commanders, Hodgson and Dawson and several of the Dockyard Officers.

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## CRICKET.

## H.K.C.C. v. GARRISON.

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## HONGKONG C.C.

## 2nd Innings.

A. A. Claxton, c. Edwards, b. Davies	125
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. Claxton, b. Davies	22
A. E. Wood, c. Davies, b. Edwards	43
T. E. Pearce, c. Claxton, b. Davies	14
R. Hancock, c. Edwards, b. Davies	14
E. W. Day, c. Sutherland, b. Oliver	9
C. Blaker, run out	1
D. E. Donnelly, c. Edwards, b. Oliver	0
R. P. Thurnfield, b. Davies	8
P. G. de Paravicini, not out	2
J. W. R. MacPhail, c. Claxton, b. Oliver	0
Extras	10
Total	280

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	29	9	53
Oliver	21	4	106
Edwards	14	0	56
Middlemas	7	0	32

## THE GARRISON.

## 2nd Innings.

Lt. Col. Wyndham, b. Donnelly	24
C. Q. M. S. Talford, b. Day	10
Lieut. Sutherland, b. Donnelly	15
Major Edwards, b. Donnelly	13
Capt. Oliver, c. Hancock, b. Day	13
Captain Davies, c. and b. Day	26
Major Bowen, b. Donnelly	2
Lieut. Beavan, c. Hancock, b. Day	29
Major Culver, c. and b. Day	29
Major Middlemas, c. Day, b. Donnelly	0
Lieut. Claxton, not out	4
Extras	4
Total	128

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Donnelly	43	1	64
Day	43	2	60

In the first innings the Garrison scored 282 and Club 166.

## LEAGUE MATCH.

## CIVIL SERVICE v. UNIVERSITY.

B. W. Bradbury, c. Cheah, b. Wright	27
R. C. W. Mitchell, b. Redmond	15
W. H. Edmonds, c. Wright, b. Hunt	43
P. T. Lambie, b. W. Redmond	23
F. Syme Thomson, not out	51
F. Ling, not out	3
Extras	12
Total (for 6 wickets, declared)	175

E. Fincher, J. T. Smalley, G. H. Percy, R. W. Beane and C. Severn did not bat.

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Samy	3	1	19
Redmond	34	4	38
Wright	15	4	74
Hunt	3	1	22
Pun	1	0	10

## UNIVERSITY.

H. C. Hunt, b. Severn	10
F. A. Redmond, b. Severn	6
D. K. Samy, b. Severn	0
T. L. Cheah, b. Ling	9
J. D. Wright, c. Beane, b. Mitchell	5
J. T. Pun, b. Mitchell	5
S. K. Chua, c. Percy, b. Severn	0
K. L. Sun, b. W. Mitchell	0
C. H. Yeoh, not out	1
J. C. Thivy, c. Beane, b. Severn	3
K. S. Cheah, b. Mitchell	3
Extras	8
Total	55

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Severn	12	3	20
Ling	7	2	17
Witchell	8.1	4	8
Lambie	2	1	2

\*Bowled 1 wide.

## FRIENDLY MATCHES.

## R.E. AND INDIAN ARMY v. CRAIGENGOWER.

Major Greenaway, c. Omar, b. Abbas	3
Lt. McConnell, b. Omar	9
Lt. Col. Taylor, b. Abbas	5
Q.M.S. White, b. Lammer	6
Lt. L. L. Hammond, b. Omar	19
Cpl. Hooper, c. Hall b. Omar	6
E. H. Jacobs Larkcorn, b. W. b. Abbas	0
Spr. Jacobson, b. Omar	0
Spr. Hollan, b. Abbas	0
Sgt. Martin, not out	0
Spr. Trengrove, did not bat	0
Extras	8
Total	56

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lammer	6	0	26
Abbas	94	2	15
Omar	4	2	7

## CRAIGENGOWER.

R. Bass, b. Jacobson	18
L. E. Lammer, c. Hooper, b. Hammond	0
F. C. Thompson, b. Hammond	18
C. Kennedy, b. Jacobson	0
S. Jex, c. Sub b. Greenaway	0
U. Omar, b. W. b. Jacobson	3
M. Abbas, b. Jacobson	2
W. Hall, not out	9
C. Heath, c. Hammond, b. Greenaway	0
Extras	0

H. Ramsay, c. Larkcorn, b. Greenaway	0
Y. Abbas, b. Greenaway	17
Extras	17
Total	79

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Hammond	9	1	22
White	5	2	13
Jacobson	8	2	17
Greenaway	4.2	0	10

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE BEAT NAVY 2ND XI.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

S. H. Ismail, not out	75
A. el Arculli, c. Silcox, b. Woods	13
S. A. Ismail, c. Walters, b. Bryant	3
S. D. Ismail, b. W. b. Bevan	3
A. A. Rumjahn, c. Bryant, b. Evans	13
W. Kay, c. Brooks, b. Evans	15
A. N. Other, c. Woods, b. Evans	0
O. Rumjahn, c. Pender, b. Bevan	12
G. A. Hyder, not out	4
Extras	7
Total (for 7 wickets, declared)	145

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Bryant	10	2	20
Woods	6	0	16
Vincent	8	3	18
Beavan	12	1	44
Evans	7	0	30

## NAVY.

Walters, c. S. A. Ismail, b. Rumjahn	13
Vincent, b. Rumjahn	14
Nicholas, std., b. Rumjahn	0
Brooke, c. Sub., b. Arculli	11
Woods, b. Rumjahn	1
Bryant, c. Ismail, b. Rumjahn	12
Beavan, std., b. Rumjahn	0
Silcox, c. Ismail, b. Arculli	0
Evans, b. Ismail	20
Pender, c. Kay, b. Rumjahn	5
Collins, not out	5
Extras	7
Total	88

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Kay	7	1	22
Rumjahn	14	1	38
Arculli	4	0	15
S. A. Ismail	4	0	9

## CIVIL SERVICE 2ND XI. v. C.R.C. 2ND XI.

## CIVIL SERVICE 2ND XI.

H. E. Strang, run out	18
E. T. Crocker, c. H. L. Chan, b. Ching	25
H. Sandford, b. Ching	0
Burden, b. Yew	5
W. Taylor, b. Yew	5
S. Alderman, b. Ching	14
G. Haskett, b. Yew	8
F. Bacon, b. Ching	4
J. Lyon, b. Ching	1
D. Ackerman, b. Yew	0
C. Choa, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	86

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Ho Wing Kin	4	0	15
Yew Man Hon	5	2	10
Yew Man Tsun	9	2	22
H. Ching	7.1	0	27

## C.R.C. 2ND XI.

Lo Man Pan, c. and b. Strang	61
Chan Hin Lee, c. Taylor, b. Strang	16
Yew Man Tsun, b. Taylor	17
J. Wong, c. and b. Alderman	5
Ho Wing Kin, c. Sandford, b. Bacon	18
H. Ching, c. Taylor, b. Strang	38
Yew Man Hon, not out	22
Wong Po Keung, b. Strang	17
Wan Lu Shing, b. Taylor	4
Cheung Wing Kui, not out	2
Ng Sze Kwong, did not bat	0
Extras	9
Total (for 8 wickets)	209

## Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Strang	13	0	82
Sandford	7	0	28
Taylor	8	0	46
Alderman	3	0	17
Bacon	5	0	27

## UNIVERSITY PAST v. UNIVERSITY PRESENT.

The following will represent "University Past" in the match against "University Present" to be played on New Year's Day on University ground, commencing at 10 a.m.—Ng Sze Kwong (Captain), A. H. Rumjahn, Yew Man Tsun, A. J. Kew, G. V. A. Hall, J. M. Jack, W. Hall, Choa Man Ping, Ho Wing Kin, Wong Fook Hon and J. C. Thivy.

A simpleton reports that while he was at Shaikwan one evening he was met by a man who promised to tell his fortune. He was taken to a tea-house where he was asked to give \$100. He said he had only \$61.80 in his pocket. The man accepted it and went away, but his fortune was not told.

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## EWO COTTON CO.

## REPORT SPECIALLY CONDENSED FOR THE "CHINA MAIL."

Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co. had its 24th annual meeting at Shanghai on Dec. 22. Mr. A. Brooke-Smith presided.

Chairman spoke of a most gratifying year's working, beating all records by half a million taels. Big demand for all products was taken full advantage of, mills working to utmost capacity, and output increasing all round. Credit of Tls. 1,457,687.79 permitted a dividend on ordinary shares of Tls. 65. Present and prospective reserves ample. Capital to be increased. Depreciation allowed Tls. 151,000. Tls. 80,000 reserved for special repairs and renewals. Tls. 100,000 added to the cotton fluctuation fund doubled it. Tls. 20,000 given to war funds. Tls. 60,000 for bonus to staff at mills and retiring allowance to the late mill superintendent—about Tls. 32,800 is required for the annual bonus to the foreigners and Chinese at the mills on the same scale as was adopted in 1915. Tls. 26,270.87 was the proportion voted by the consulting committee of the company towards Mr. Kerfoot's retiring allowance, and Tls. 1,341.77 makes good the company's contribution to the Foreign Staff Provident Fund for the period prior to October 31, 1918—the last two items were placed in the balance sheet, not being chargeable to the year's working account.

(Mr. James Kerfoot retiring after 22 years' service.) Tls. 40,000 was appropriated for a superannuation fund for the Chinese staff.

As we have generally been working upon an oversold position of at least two to three months in both yarn and cloth, it has been necessary for us to carry a fairly heavy stock of cotton for reasons of safety—otherwise our burden of interest would have been even lighter than it was, as clearances have been satisfactory, in fact during the last three to four months of our year they have been very brisk.

The last Chinese cotton crop was plentiful and satisfactory in quality, whilst Indian varieties were also available at comparatively cheap rates. Good American grades were somewhat scarce, and their prices generally ruled rather dear, as a keen demand was anticipated from Europe after the war, but owing to unsettled conditions, labour troubles and scarcity of transport facilities, such demand has scarcely manifested itself even yet. Taken all round, however, cotton prices were generally in favour of spinners in China. I am sorry to say the present Chinese crop is poor in quality and quantity.

They were anxious about supply of native labour. Profit on yarn (usually from five to six taels per bale) was abnormal—now from Tls. 50 to Tls. 60.

Mr. C. R. Shaw seconded adoption. Very congratulatory speech. Excellent managers. Excellent workers. Lucky shareholders.

## STOWAWAYS CAUGHT IN DARK.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning four well dressed Chinese were charged with being stowaways on board the s.s. "Arathoon Apar" bound for Singapore.

Sergeant Aris said that at 2.30 p.m. on the 27th, while P. C. Griffin and detectives were on board the steamer they discovered the defendants hiding in a dark corner of the fore-peak. They had no tickets.

Defendants said that they were promised by the assistant commodore on board, their tickets when they were on the ship on the day of departure. Mr. R. Judah of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. agents of the Apar Line, said that none of the commodore staff was entitled to give tickets to intended passengers. The third class fare to Singapore was \$284 Hongkong currency, and every passenger was expected to have a ticket before boarding the steamer. His Worship imposed a fine of \$75 or two months' on each.

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